

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Haiti

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e. Embassy Port-au-Prince concludes that while the Cantave invasion did produce jitters among high officials and may have weakened army morale, it set off a new round of repressions which will make Duvalier's domestic opponents even more leery of supporting future incursions.

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2. Malaysia

a.

Sukarno

sent a special emissary to tell U Thant that Indonesia will not be satisfied with a UN survey that takes just a few weeks.

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b. The Indonesians feel that a proper survey will take at least four months, and include some assessment of popular sentiment as well as a poll of elected officials.

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d. With this in mind Rahman has set 16 September as his tentative date for the formal establishment of Malaysia.

e. The British, though trying to get the Secretary General to shave as many days as possible from his schedule, can probably live with this timetable.

3. Egypt-Jordan

a. King Husayn is taking further soundings on the prospects for some sort of a rapprochement with Nasir.

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4. Colombia

a. The political thermometer is rising in Bogota following a new wave of strikes and the uncovering of a coup plot involving former dictator Rojas Pinilla.

b. Military regard President Valencia's handling of the situation as ineffectual. They have been pressing for greater powers.

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c. There is of course the danger of a coup by the military if its demands for stronger measures are not met.

5. Rumania-US

a. Rumanian officials have been assiduous the past week or so in their protestations that they desire better economic relations with the US.

b. Gheorghiu-Dej told Secretary Freeman that the proposals for supra-national planning had been shelved at the last CEMA meeting. The Rumanian leader insisted that his country would proceed with its industrialization program, adding that "no one tries to prevent us from buying from the Americans."

c. Rumania, he said, wants to buy US industrial installations and will find the means to pay for them.

NOTES

- A. Yemen UN observers along the Yemeni-Saudi border have told U Thant that they noted truck convoys entering Yemen from Saudi Arabia Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The Wednesday convoy, they report, included a "large quantity" of mortar shells.
- B. Syria Anti-regime activity continues. It has prompted the authorities to clamp new restrictions on travel out of Damascus and to tighten their enforcement of the night-time curfew.
- C. Dominican Republic Bosch's hold on the Dominican presidency is slipping. Ambassador Martin believes that the president's many critics, aided by his singular inability to govern, have him on the run. The flashpoint has not yet arrived, Martin judges, but it could come next month.
- D. Brazil-Cuba The brother of Brazil's left-leaning foreign minister is in Havana where he could well be promoting an air agreement between the two countries. [REDACTED]
- E. USSR-Cuba [REDACTED]

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